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In re application of:

T. William Hutchens et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DESORPTION AND IONIZATION OF
ANALYTES

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-
COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants have respectfully reproduced the amendment mailed on April 27, 2005 below in order to comply with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on May 13, 2005.

In response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is accompanied by a three-month Request for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.